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# DAIRY PRODUCTION

April-June  
1974  
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## MILK PRODUCTION MAKES SLIGHT DROP

**OKLAHOMA:** Milk production for the April-June quarter of 1974 was estimated at 311 million pounds, according to the Oklahoma Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is only a fraction of a percent below the same period last year and seven percent below the corresponding quarter in 1972. There was an average of 125,000 milk cows in Oklahoma during the second quarter, down 7,000 from the average for the period in 1973. Average production per cow for the three-month period was 2,488 pounds (829 pounds per month), an increase of 5 percent over a year earlier. Grains and concentrates fed daily per cow near the July 1 date was 13.4 pounds, down from the 14.8 pounds being fed July 1, 1973.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the United States during the second quarter of 1974 totaled 31.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from last year. Average number of cows during the period was 11,167,000, compared with 11,446,000 in the second quarter of 1973. Average production per cow for the quarter, Nationwide, was 2,811 pounds, up 1 percent from the average of 2,786 pounds a year earlier.

Grains and concentrates fed daily per cow was 12.6 pounds on July 1, compared with 12.0 pounds in 1973. The milk-feed ratio for June, at 1.41, is 12 percent above the June 1973 ratio.

MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS, OKLAHOMA AND U.S., SELECTED MONTHS, 1974, WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	O K L A H O M A				U N I T E D S T A T E S			
	1972	1973	1974	<u>1974</u> <u>1973</u>	1972	1973	1974	<u>1974</u> <u>1973</u>
	- Million Pounds -		Percent		- Million Pounds -		Percent	
January	98	94	88	94	9,720	9,581	9,278	97
February	97	88	87	99	9,391	8,969	8,711	97
March	108	101	95	94	10,452	10,213	9,933	97
April	111	101	101	100	10,566	10,321	10,091	98
May	116	110	109	99	11,268	10,998	10,791	98
June	109	101	100	100	10,946	10,570	10,505	99

## MILK PRICES ABOVE YEAR AGO

Oklahoma milk producers received an average price of \$8.95 per hundredweight for all milk during the April, May, and June quarter, compared to an average of \$6.83 per hundredweight during the same period in 1973. Price dropped \$1.00 per hundred from April to June, however, Fluid milk prices averaged \$2.15 above last year and Manufacturing Milk prices averaged \$1.87 higher. Milkfat tests for all milk during the second quarter ranged from 3.45 percent to 3.40 butterfat and averaged 1 point below the second quarter of 1973.

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OKLAHOMA: PRICES AND FAT CONTENT OF MILK SOLD TO PLANTS

MONTH	Milk Price per 100 Pounds								
	All Milk			Fluid Milk			Manufacturing Milk		
	1972	1973	1974 1/	1972	1973	1974 1/	1972	1973	1974 1/
- D o l l a r s -									
April	5.85	6.75	9.45	6.05	7.00	9.70	4.70	5.30	7.75
May	5.80	6.80	8.95	6.00	7.05	9.25	4.65	5.30	7.15
June	5.80	6.95	8.45	6.05	7.20	8.75	4.65	5.45	6.75
MILKFAT CONTENT									
- P e r c e n t -									
April	3.46	3.49	3.45	3.46	3.49	3.45	3.46	3.47	3.45
May	3.44	3.39	3.40	3.44	3.38	3.40	3.44	3.42	3.40
June	3.42	3.41	3.41	3.41	3.40	3.40	3.44	3.46	3.44

1/ Preliminary.

ICE CREAM AND BUTTER PRODUCTION SHOW LITTLE CHANGE

Production of ice cream in Oklahoma during the first half of 1974 (January through June) was estimated at 3.5 million gallons, unchanged from reported total for the period in 1973.

Creamery butter production for the first half of 1974 was estimated at 12.4 million pounds, only slightly more than the 12.3 million pounds churned for the six-months period in 1973.

OKLAHOMA: BUTTER AND ICE CREAM PRODUCTION

MONTH	Butter			Ice Cream 1/		
	1972	1973	1974 2/	1972	1973	1974 2/
- Thousand Pounds -						
January	2,215	2,877	2,780	433	436	390
February	2,100	2,182	1,640	499	516	530
March	2,335	2,003	1,560	582	585	585
April	2,120	1,853	2,400	543	542	605
May	2,389	1,950	2,130	603	674	660
June	1,737	1,441	1,860	684	731	715

1/ Includes ice cream produced for both wholesale and retail. 2/ Preliminary.

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